roster and restore the pre-1996 roster. This should also be brought under the purview of the statute mentioned above."

Complaints against the functioning of Delimitation Commission

4594. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) whether complaints have been received from different quarters against the functioning of Delimitation Commission;

(b) if so, whether Government have decided to convene a meeting of all the parties; and

(c) if so, by when this meeting is likely to be held and the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY) : (a) and (b) Hon'ble Member of Parliament had also raised this issue in the Lok Sabha after which an all-party meeting was convened on 13-3-2003 wherein representatives of various political parties conveyed their dissatisfaction with the procedure adopted by the Delimitation Commission for association of the Associate Members. The Government accordingly took up the matter with the Delimitation Commission, which has since changed the procedure regarding consultation with the Associate Members.

(c) As mentioned above, the Government has already held the meeting with the political parties and necessary action has been taken in the matter in pursuance thereof.

Freight rate for ships bound for America

4595. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT : Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the freight rate for ships bound for America has been raised by 40 per cent from May, 2003;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have analyzed its impact on imports and exports of country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken to remove adverse impact on exports ?